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PBS TELEVISION SPECIAL BASED ON

DAVID MACAULAY'S *MILL* TO BE AIRED NATIONWIDE;

FEATURES LOWELL AND LOWELL NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

(Lowell, MA) A new television special, *Mill Times*, based on the 1983 book *Mill* by David Macaulay, will be aired on PBS stations around the country in the month of January. David Macaulay is the celebrated author and illustrator best known for his works *Building Big*, *Castle*, *Cathedral*, and *The Way Things Work*. The show will be aired locally on WGBH-TV, Channel 2 and on WGBX-TV, Channel 44 at the following times:

Wednesday, January 2 at 8:00 p.m. on Channel 44
Friday, January 4 at 12:00 a.m. on Channel 2
Wednesday, January 9 at 1:00 p.m. on Channel 44

Mill Times features a family-friendly colorful animated story interwoven with live-action documentary segments filmed in Lowell, Massachusetts, Manchester, England, and other mill towns around New England. (See attached description from the WGBH-TV Member Magazine). Scenes filmed in Lowell were shot at the Boott Cotton Mills, Mogan Cultural Center and Boardinghouse, and Pawtucket Gatehouse, among other locations.

A video of the *Mill Times* program will also be packaged with an interactive educational activities kit and marketed nationwide to teachers for classroom use. The development of the

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ADD ONE *Mill Times* to Air on PBS, locally and nationwide

Mill Times Educational Kit was done with the extensive involvement of staff of the Tsongas Industrial History Center, a partnership of the National Park Service and the University of Massachusetts Lowell Graduate School of Education. For more information about the educational package, contact the Tsongas Center at 978-970-5080.

A special event incorporating the program and interactive activities will take place in Lowell in early summer 2002.

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